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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Spencer Andrew Meister and
David Alan Tracy

For: APPARATUS AND
METHOD FOR PROVIDING
ITEMS OF VALUE IN
COOPERATION WITH
OPERATION OF A COMPANION
DEVICE

Examiner: Butler, Michael E.

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Confirmation No. 2456

Group Art Unit: 3653

Filed: August 23, 2000

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth hereinbelow.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as indicated below:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for use [dispensing at least one indicium of value] in cooperation with operation of an attached companion device; [for] said attached companion device delivering at least one first product [to] purchased by a user [substantially contemporaneously with said dispensing]; said user initiating said purchase by conveying payment to said companion device and exercising an actuator; the apparatus comprising:

- (a) a control means for controlling [said dispensing] the apparatus in dispensing at least one indicium of value in response to said exercising;
- (b) a providing means for effecting said dispensing; said providing means being coupled with said control means and responsive to said control means; and

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